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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY A
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, after an
5 investigation has been completed and the Commissioner of Children
6 and Families, based upon the results of the investigation, has
7 reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused by a school
8 employee who holds a certificate, permit or authorization issued by
9 the State Board of Education, and the [commissioner] Commissioner of
10 Children and Families has recommended that such employee be
11 placed on the child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to
12 section 17a-101k, the [commissioner] Commissioner of Children and
13 Families shall, not later than five working days after such finding,
14 notify the employing superintendent, the local or regional board of

15 education and the Commissioner of Education of such finding and
 16 shall provide records, whether or not created by the department,
 17 concerning such investigation to the local or regional board of
 18 education, the Commissioner of Education and the superintendent
 19 who shall suspend such school employee. The [commissioner]
 20 Commissioner of Children and Families shall provide such notice
 21 whether or not the child was a student in the employing school or
 22 school district. Such suspension shall be with pay and shall not result
 23 in the diminution or termination of benefits to such employee. [Within
 24 seventy-two hours after such suspension the superintendent shall
 25 notify the local or regional board of education and the Commissioner
 26 of Education, or the commissioner's representative, of the reasons for
 27 and conditions of the suspension. The superintendent shall disclose
 28 such records to the Commissioner of Education and the local or
 29 regional board of education or its attorney for purposes of review of
 30 employment status or the status of such employee's certificate, permit
 31 or authorization.] The suspension of a school employee employed in a
 32 position requiring a certificate shall remain in effect until the board of
 33 education acts pursuant to the provisions of section 10-151. If the
 34 contract of employment of such certified school employee is
 35 terminated, the superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of
 36 Education, or the commissioner's representative, [within] not later than
 37 seventy-two hours after such termination. Upon receipt of such notice
 38 from the superintendent, the Commissioner of Education may
 39 commence certification revocation proceedings pursuant to the
 40 provisions of subsection (j) of section 10-145b. Notwithstanding the
 41 provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, information received by the
 42 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's representative,
 43 pursuant to this section shall be confidential subject to regulations
 44 adopted by the State Board of Education under section 10-145g.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	17a-101i(a)
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